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"May no cloud obscure the Crescent
Of our good old Delta 'Tau.'"

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CONVENTION SONG, 1881.

W. A. PARKER, A '80.

AIR:—"A Thousand Years."

HAIL to this day, true Delta brothers,
Fling to the winds our banner bright,
'Tis the glad time above all others,
Let pleasure reign supreme to-night.

CHORUS:—

Then, brothers, sing our Delta's glory,
'Tis the bright hour we've wished for long.
Proclaim, aloud the joyous story,
Delta is queen, resound the song.

Hail, Delta Tau! Victors forever,
Earnest and true, our noble band,
Heart joined to heart, dissevered never,
Strong in the right shall ever stand.

CHORUS:—

Then, brothers, sing our Delta's glory, etc.

Long live our love, thy banner streaming,
Shall lead us on in power and might,
While "Delta Tau," in splendor gleaming,
Is seen above in letters bright.

CHORUS:—

Then, brothers, sing our Delta's glory, etc.

True sons to thee, their love are giving,
Honored afar thy name appears,
Thy quickening power shall still be living
In loyal hearts a thousand years.

CHORUS:—

Then, brothers, sing our Delta's glory, etc.

THE CONVENTION POEM.

READ BY J. HARRY GEISSINGER AT THE LITERARY
PERFORMANCE OF THE XXIII ANNUAL
CONVENTION.

IN Athens, queen of olden days,
Dwelt young Alcander, rich in praise
For warlike virtues; great and strong,
He moved the idol of the throng
That met within the famous mart
Of Grecian learning; subtle, skilled
Above his fellows, soft and stilled
Were other voices when he spoke,
And nought his silver speech e'er broke
Save praise from the peopled hearts.
Septimius, bred of regal Rome,
Proud-hilled above the yellow foam
Of Tiber's stream, had sought the grove
Where Attic wisdom lurked, and love
From young Alcander joined his own.
The flame had strong and stronger grown,
The bud a perfect flower had blown,
Until the lives of both seemed cast
In self-same moldure; firm and fast
Did Friendship rear her sovereign throne.
Here grew the twain to man's estate,
When came their steps unto the gate
Of entrance into life's broad whirl,
And from its setting fell the pearl
Imparting youth in life's gay crown.
Alcander, weighing well his heart
And future, deemed of these a part
In keeping of a lady rare,
The pride of Athens, past compare
For Beauty's richest, reaped renown.
Exquisite charm adorned the face
Of fair Hypatia, and the grace
That marked Olympian Venus threw

About her form its heaven-hue
 Of loveliness, that gods adored.
 Alcander's love was prompt returned,
 A sacred fire it brightly burned
 Upon the altar of her soul,
 And not a thought of grievance stole
 The time of days with hope full-stored.
 The nuptial day drew on with speed,
 Alcander feeling but the need
 To tell Septimius all his heart,
 And freely, fully, to impart
 His happiness now held alone.

* * *

O gods! why tempt ye mortal man?
 Why shoulders human sorely strain?

* * *

Septimius no quicker knows
 Hypatia's charms, than fervid glows
 A passion that he dare not own.
 Unhappy, he retires in grief,
 Nor all his strivings bring relief;
 In suffering's severest test
 But greater grows the luring zest
 Of love, awaked against his friend.
 The sturdy oak is felled and dies,
 The virile strength 'once his, now lies
 A weak reduction of its life
 When mutual joys precluded strife,
 Nor thoughts of baseness intervened.
 Fell fever seizes on his frame,
 In wild delirium the name
 Hypatia falls from off his lips,
 And sudden, sad, the secret slips
 Of struggling love in vain repress'd.
 His mad imaginings loved to limn
 Dred pictures of the grievance grim
 On following Friendship's broken load,
 And fiercely is the fate bemoan'd
 That racks with torture friendly breast,
 Alcander, 'wildered, doubting sense,
 Feels all too keenly and intense
 The stroke by rough reversal cast,
 And joys late held serene, seem past
 Forever, as he bows in pains.
 Long lasts his striving, Friendship strong
 Must bear the brunt of Passion's thong;
 But, praised be Jove, fond Friendship reigns,
 Subjecting Love, and free'd from chains
 Unsullied sits enthron'd again.

* * *

"Can Greek his fellow fail for self?
 Or safe enjoy his person's pelf
 By making other's sorrow? No!
 The world, its pleasures, all forego

Athenal's sons for those drawn near.
 Septimius, so nobly brave,
 Shall never fill the gloome'd grave
 Hewn only by unrequited love,
 Nor shall Alcander basely prove
 His foe, but one that bears him cheer!"
 Thus spoke Alcander, manful, strong,
 Acknowledg'd idol of the throng
 That pressed within the famous mart
 Where Grecian virtue stirred the heart
 Of youth and age to deeds divine.
 Then, swift repairing to the side
 Of him who suffered most, he applied
 Soft, soothing sentences of hope
 Which now, a veering horoscope,
 Forefigured fame for Friendship's shrine.
 His own heart's blissfulness he yields,
 Forgets, nor rueful wishing wields
 Again the sceptre thrown aside,
 But blooms a bright and beautiful bride,
 Hypatia for his mourning mate.
 Septimius strengthens in his joy,
 Grows hale, while all his thoughts employ
 Their vent in homage to the gods,
 With vigor new he loudly lauds
 Their grace that feuded frowning fate.
 Propitious now, Ionia's main
 Soon bears him back to Rome again;
 Hypatia, too, so fully fair,
 That Italy's malarial air
 Seems pure, when she her presence lends.
 High dignities, by State bestowed,
 Reward Septimius and flowed
 The stream of honor, wanting rest
 Till last the highest was possessed
 Where he, as prætor, right defends.

* * *

Years came and went, and came again,
 Producing sorrows in their train
 For brave Alcander, lonely left;
 Of friend, and her he loved, bereft,
 In vain was stilled his mind to rest.
 To him, *the faithful*, interpose
 New conflicts; *now*, resistless foes,
 Hypatia's kindred straightly seek
 Abasement for the noble Greek,
 And sinks again his heart oppress!
 Nor innocence, nor silver'd word,
 Can make his frank avowal heard
 Disproving baseness bought with gold,—
 But prison'd, beggar'd, see him sold
 Full-stript of Freedom's bright attire.
 A merchant master leads to Thrace
 The slave, the Grecian born to grace;
There, long 'mid sterile fields and bare,

Imperious mandate makes his care
 The humble herds, nor pays him hire.
 Years pass before escape is won,
 And bondage, as a bird has flown;
 And then, in stealthy, tireless flight,
 He hides by day, and speeds by night,
 Till Roman towers flash their cheer.
 Exults his soul, unduly scourged,
 And on his breathless course is urged;
 He gains the forum; o'er the crowd
 Septimius sits in judgment proud,
 Alcander, stands, a friend forgot.
 He watches long with eagle eyes
 For recognition; but disguise,
 Imposed through slavery's troublous toil,
 Instead of greeting, prompts recoil
 From wretchedness that marks his lot.
 Night falls; and comes the chilling gloom
 Enshrouding Rome; dark is the tomb,
 Where, worn, Alcander's steps repair,—
 Retreat of guilt, distress, despair,
 And home of ghost and horrid dread.
 The midnight casts a deeper shade,
 When bold a brace of thieves invade
 The charnel-ground, approach the cave
 That rears its mass above the graves
 Where sleep Alcander and the dead.
 They spread their plunder, count their gain,
 Till greed lays low a robber, slain,
 And flees his fellows; spreads alarm,
 The town, exposing murderous harm
 That cries for vengeance, swift and sure.
 Urn-pillowed, sweetly Alcander dreamed
 Of joys long gone, till blinding beamed
 The sun of morn upon his gaze,
 And in bewilder'd, wild amaze,
 He woke a captive bound secure.

* * *

Ye furies! Why persist so long
 To harass him, the brave, the strong?
 Why hurl in madness to the earth
 The spirit hailed aloft at birth?
 Why turn against him, gods above?
 Why mete to him ingratitude,
 And cruelly his life exclude
 From love and friendship, constant true?
 Oh! Why the hands with blood imbrue
 But used to offices of love?

* * *

Bound strong with cutting cords, and
 dragged,
 His trial hasted, neither lagged
 The firm positioned proof of crime
 Against the Grecian, soul sublime

In middle manhood, as before,
 He silent stands, with visage wan,
 Among the lictors, hoping goal—
 Awaiting only doom to death—
 When, sudden gasps the judge for breath;
 For quick from heaven beamings pour,
 O'erflooding with their tender light
 Alcander's face, bedimmed by blight
 Septimius, mingling joy and pain,
 Flies from his seat to greet again
 The loved, long-lost, now found in woe;—
 In *woe*, but while in fond embrace
 They cling, the puzzled populace
 Make way for crime's own guilty son,
 Who, rueing his offences done,
 Confesses the assassin blow.

Then shouts triumphantly the throng,
 Alcander's name, grown doubly strong.
 Long mourned by Athens, saved at Rome,
 He wins a welcome to the home
 Of Friendship and of Love restored.
 Declines his day in happy ease
 Where helping hearts are bent to please,
 And ending, night receives to rest,
 Victorious, the faithful breast.

* * *

O gods, by mortals be adored!
 Who bendest but to make more strong,
 Who up from sadness raisest song,—
 Hear, hear our votive paeons blend,
 That to the faithful, in the end,
 Thou givest Virtue's golden crown,
 To all who honor her renown.

—

Greeks of modern times, my story, simply told,
 has reached its end,
 Teaches it the noble passion that a friend can
 have for friend;
 Blazon it upon our banner, golden on our purple-
 gray,
 Let it brighten to our vision while our CRESCENT
 holds her sway.

Clasped anew in love fraternal be our hands this
 festal night,
 Symbol of the heart's devotion in our common
 cause of right,
 Gleam our stars with added lustre while we
 pledge a sacred vow
 To be loyal now and *ever* to our dear old Delta
 Tau.

J. H. GEISSINGER.

THE BEST OF ALL.

OUR XXIII ANNUAL NATIONAL CON-
VENTION A GRAND SUCCESS.

ALL BUT TWO CHAPTERS REPRESENTED.

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED DELTAS IN THE CITY—A
FINE LITERARY PERFORMANCE—A GLORIOUS
BANQUET—A JOLLY TIME.

"AIN'T YOU GLAD YOU'RE LIVIN', LOOK AT THE
FUN YOU'RE HAVIN'."

THE morning of August seventeenth found the Monongahela Hotel filled with Delts. The office was so crowded that one could get around only with the greatest difficulty, and our arm became so limp and weak before we had shaken hands with half of the jolly crowd, that we had to play in our left hand for a rest. 'Twas evidently a gala day for the royal purple and silver-grey. Friends met friends whom they had not seen for many a day. Classmates met classmates who had been separated since they left college in the days of "old lang syne." Brothers met new brothers, and what with joke and laugh and college reminiscence there was such a babel that even the imperturbable hotel clerk relaxed his stoical face and looked astonished. The college, the bar, the store, the pulpit, the farm and the shop, all gave up their quota to make as enthusiastic and jolly a party of old and young boys as ever met our raptured gaze. And prominent among all was our presiding officer, Bro. Chas. Townsend, of Ohio, who gazed around upon the assembled throng with as proud a glance as when Roderic Dhu

"Cast glance of pride
Upon Benledi's living side."

Time passed so rapidly that it seemed as if the hour and minute hands of the clock had exchanged rates, or Father Time was jarring his

glass to make the sands run faster, for we did not get half around before it was ten o'clock and we had to go to the club room for the

OPENING SESSION.

Here we found the boys even thicker than before, and there was a delay of some time in order to secure seating capacity for all, and even then, we are afraid that some were lured away by the attractions of the city. At last quiet was secured and Bro. Townsend, in a pleasant speech, called the Convention to order. The excitement of our reporter was so great that he could not take very copious notes of what Bro. Townsend said, but it was something as follows:

He expressed his delight and surprise at finding so large an attendance, and that too of such intelligent and fine looking representatives. (We forgave him for this because his experience in Ohio politics has led him into "tiffy" giving.) Great good, he thought, must be derived from such a large and congenial assembly, representing so many different institutions of learning and so many of the various paths of life. He gave us his experience in the early days of Delta Tau Delta, and expressed much pleasure and surprise at the growth and progress it had made. He spoke of the need of pure, upright and honest young men out in the world. He touched very feelingly upon our nation's sorrow, the afflicted President, and finished by thanking the fraternity for the honor conferred in choosing him to preside over such a grand body as the XXIII Annual Convention.

Bro. Marchand, of *I*, was next appointed door keeper, and the Convention was regularly opened with an eloquent and impressive prayer by Bro. Chas. B. Mitchell, D. D., of Kansas, ex-editor-in-chief of THE CRESCENT, followed by the

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

We exceedingly regret that we cannot reproduce in full this address, which was delivered in behalf of the resident members of the fraternity, by Dr. Rhodes S. Sutton, '62. The address being entirely *impromptu* in its character, we are only in a position to publish a few isolated passages which we were able to record at the time.

Dr. Sutton, in a few introductory remarks, asked the pardon of the Convention for coming before it without a previously prepared address of welcome; the preparations for an early departure for Europe with his family prevented him from

giving it that time and thought which, under any other circumstances, he would undoubtedly have bestowed upon it. He assured the fraternity, however, that his words of welcome in behalf of the resident members of Delta Tau Delta would be none the less cordial and sincere.

Bro. Sutton gave the Convention a most graphic account of his connection with the early days of Delta Tau Delta, and made the following among other remarks:

"Twenty years ago, when the sound of artillery was reverberating through South Carolina, and the hard walls of old Sumter were repelling rebel shells, I was a college boy in the neighboring village of Cannonsburgh. The students of Bethany College, the home of Delta Tau Delta, were rapidly moving homeward to don the blue or the grey, and to take part in that severe conflict, which, but for an incident, might have forever buried our beloved Fraternity. Just on the eve of these events, on the twenty-first of February, I think, Samuel S. Brown, of Pittsburgh, and I, yielding to the desires of our friends, rode on horseback from Cannonsburgh to Bethany and back,—a ride of thirty miles or more, on a stormy, cold night,—in order to become initiated into Delta Tau Delta. (Applause.) We thus carried its banner of purple and gray north of Mason and Dixon's line in old Jefferson College at Cannonsburgh, Pa. The subsequent history of my old chapter is well known to you all; how it grew and prospered, until, in 1868, the college which harbored it united with Washington College. *

* * To-day, when brothers, after twenty years of fraternity experience, I am here to welcome our national convention to the spot which was designated by Washington as the Forks of the Ohio, to the site of historic old Fort Duquesne; to the "Iron City," the future great manufacturing center of this country. Here you will find much to instruct and entertain you, and go where you choose, you will always find a welcome. Here you may study mills by the furnace, driven by men of capital and brains. A visit to the large and famous iron and steel works, to the blast furnaces and glass works, to the shops and numerous lines of human industry, will amply, I feel sure, repay you for the trouble. *

* * Methinks, I see among your cheerful faces the future scholars of the day. May, then, your ambition be amply rewarded! Let no obstacles deter or deflect you from your path and your mark! Strive to be noble men and the objects of our dear brotherhood will be personified in you all!

* * * * * I am greatly pleased to see you here in such goodly numbers which certainly augurs well for the Convention's success. Welcome, then, thrice welcome in the name of the alumni of Pittsburgh." (Applause.)

In the absence of the Vice-President, Bro. J. N. White, (A '78,) who is now sojourning in Europe, Bro. L. L. Davis, LL. D., (A '78,) of Pittsburgh, Pa., was chosen to fill his place. Bro. Davis, being called upon, made a few remarks.

The following committees were then appointed:

On Credentials:—Wilbur Colvin, (B,) J. A. Wann, (A,) and R. D. Walter, (N).

On Order of Business:—C. E. Richmond, (A,) W. L. McClurg, (A,) Chas. Brewster, (A).

E. J. Phillips, (ZB,) was elected Assistant Secretary.

On motion, greeting be telegraphed to $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ & $\Phi\Kappa\Psi$ now in session at Lake Chautauqua.

After transacting some other business the Convention adjourned till two p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION, FIRST DAY

called to order by Grand President. Bro. Chas. D. Townsend offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, This Convention of the association of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, are informed of the present extreme peril to the life of President Garfield, and

WHEREAS, The President is our co-lover of learning, and our co-lover for "the beautiful and the good," and

WHEREAS, His life is of inestimable value to the public as Chief Executive of the nation.

Be it Resolved by this National Convention of the Delta Tau Delta of the United States, that we, in convention assembled, realize in President Garfield the friend of learning, and a great and efficient co-laborer for the advancement of sound culture, and a successful teacher and exemplar of social and moral excellence; and that in him we recognize an able statesman, a true patriot and President, and

Be it Resolved, That this Convention sends greeting to the President, his good and heroic wife, and other members of his family, with our profound sympathy and heartfelt condolence. And that this Convention earnestly prays to the "giver of every good and perfect gift" that the President be lifted up from the gates of death. And that a copy of this expression be forwarded to Stanley Brown, private secretary of the President, and to such papers as may desire to publish the same.

Committee on Credentials reported the following regular delegates:

ALPHA—J. A. Wann and C. E. Richmond.

BETA—Wilbur Colvin.

GAMMA—H. A. Ferguson and D. A. Miller.

DELTA—H. A. Fitzsimmons.

EPSILON—J. E. Coulter, (by proxy).

ETA—M. E. Bourne.

THETA—P. Y. Pendleton.

IOTA—J. E. Coulter, J. B. Ware.

KAPPA—Delegate on military duty at Saltsburg.

LAMBDA—C. E. Brewster.

MU—R. D. Walter and W. A. Seibert.

NU—E. C. Beach.

XI—O. A. Kennedy.

OMICRON—W. L. McClurg, (by proxy).

PI—W. T. Goodenough.

RHO—Albert Porter, Jos. E. Stewart.

SIGMA—S. C. Bossinger.

TAU—T. N. Reiter, O. R. Snyder.

UPSILON—Frank Spearman.

PHI—C. A. Smith.

CHI—C. S. Crawford.

PSI—Chas. Krichbaum.

OMEGA—Not represented.

ZETA BETA—E. I. Phillips, H. S. Phillips.

IOTA BETA—G. C. Sheppard.

The annual reports were then read for the Alpha, the 1st 2d, 3d, 4th Grand Divisions, and from the Grand Corresponding Secretary. We heartily regret that our space will not permit us to publish these reports, as they reflect so well the general prosperity of the fraternity.

The following committees were appointed:

Committee of Three on Unwritten Law.

Committee of Five on Initiatory Service.

Committee of Three on Time and Place of holding next Convention.

Committee of Two, to have published the song written for Convention.

Committee of Five on Constitutional Amendments.

Committee of Three to nominate officers for next Convention.

On motion visiting members given the right of the floor.

After transacting other business Convention adjourned till 9 A. M., August 18th.

THE LITERARY EXERCISES

were held on the evening of the 17th, in the club room of the Monongahela, before a large audience composed of visiting Deltas and Pittsburgh alumni, with a few invited friends. The audience was called to order by Hon. Chas. Townsend. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. C. Sheppard, (I B) Then the Poet of the occasion, Bro. J. H. Geissinger, was introduced, who read in a pleasant and interesting manner the poem printed in another column. After the singing of a Delta song, the Orator of the evening, Prof. J.

M. Bloss, was introduced, who delivered an interesting and impressive address which we hope to print in our next. More songs followed, together with social converse. After a splendid and practical speech by Bro. Townsend, the audience was dismissed.

THE SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Convention called to order at 9:30 A. M., Vice-President L. L. Davis in the chair. Prayer by Rev. C. E. Locke, (I '80). Annual reports of chapters, Gamma, Pi, Nu, Upsilon, Rho, Eta, Theta, Beta, Sigma, Phi, Omicron, Iota Beta, Epsilon, Zeta Beta, Xi, Chi, and Delta, were read and adopted to be spread upon the minutes. These reports show the fraternity to be in a splendid condition, in fact, better than ever before. Report of Grand Treasurer read, showing no liabilities, and a flourishing condition of the treasury.

Financial report of THE CRESCENT read by the business manager, D. A. Gill, in which it was shown that after spending over one hundred and twenty-five dollars more than last year in the dressing of THE CRESCENT, it yet cleared over one hundred dollars, to be paid into the general treasury.

Report of catalogue agent read by W. L. McClurg. Report of color committee read by H. T. Bruck, in which it was urged that the fraternity should have ribbon especially woven. The report was adopted. The style of ribbon is one inch in width, one side to show a broad central grey band with a narrow purple band on each side, and the other side to be the reverse in color and position.

Committees on Unwritten Law and Officers for next convention reported.

On motion a committee of three appointed to consider the publication of the next catalogue.

On motion, committee of three appointed to take into consideration the adoption of a new fraternity coat-of-arms.

On motion Committee on Song Book discharged and the publishing of the song book be given into the hands of the Tau.

After other business the Convention adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, THIRD DAY.

Convention called to order by Vice-President Davis, prayer by Rev. G. C. Sheppard.

Committee on Initiatory Service reported in favor of the one presented by Tau, and that any chapter might add thereto but not subtract. Report adopted.

Catalogue Committee reported in favor of giving the publication of the next catalogue into the hands of the Rho. Report adopted.

Committee on Coat-of-Arms reported. Report adopted to the extent "that there be no change in the design of the coat-of-arms, but advise that a steel engraving be made of it. The work to be in the hands of Rho chapter."

The following dispatch was received from the $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$ Convention:

CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., Aug. 18, 1881.

To the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, Monongahela House, Pittsburg Pa.:

You have the best wishes of Phi Gamma Delta.
S. T. TAYLOR, Com.

Report of Extension Committee read by H. T. Bruck. Report adopted.

Committee on Constitutional Amendments reported. For amendments adopted see published minutes.

Committee on time and place for next convention reported in favor of Cleveland, the fourth Wednesday of August, 1882. Report adopted.

The following officers were then elected for the next convention:

Grand President—Prof. W. S. Eversole, (B '69), Wooster, Ohio. *Grand Vice-President*—B. A. Nevins, Esq., (I '75), Otsego, Mich. *Grand Sec.*—Col. H. A. Axline, (O I '71), Columbus, Ohio, *Grand Corresponding Sec.*—Chas. M. Blair, (A '82), Meadville, Pa. *Grand Treasurer*—J. C. White, (A '83), Meadville, Pa. *Orator*—Hon. J. L. Hunt, (O '63), New York City. *Alternate Orator*—Prof. J. H. Grove, (O I '70), Delaware, O. *Song Writer*—Prof. J. R. Scott, (B '69), St. Louis, Mo. *Alternate*—Chas. E. Jefferson, (M '82), Cambridge, O. *Poet*—Will Carleton, (K '69), Chicago, Ill. *Alternate*—Rev. A. J. Culp, (S '79), Toronto, O. Convention adjourned till 9 a. m., August 19.

THE BANQUET.

The grandest event of every fraternity convention is its banquet, and the jolliest experience of life is one of Delta Tau Delta's. It is indeed a grand ovation to the inner man, and when Monsieur l'Estomac and the beautiful Goddess of Pleasure hand in hand sweep down the hall, the laugh and joke, the story and jest, pay sweet homage to their majesties. Never in our experience at several convention banquets, have we seen anything as glorious as the last. At ten o'clock the three large tables, extending the entire length and width of the hall, (formed in the shape of a letter U,) were filled with as jolly a

party of young and old boys as it was ever our good luck to mingle with. The Hon. J. N. Hunt was chosen Magister Epularum, and opened the proceedings with a few appropriate words. Then the long line of waiters appeared in martial array and the fun commenced in earnest.

Of the *menu* we need say nothing. The reputation of the Monongahela Hotel for preparing banquets is a sufficient guarantee for its excellence, and to each one of its numerous courses there was ample attention paid by the boys. The tables were lighted up by large and elegant candelabrum and in the centre was a large floral representation of the fraternity badge, presented by the proprietor of the hotel.

The later courses of the banquet were interspersed with stories and toasts, of which the following is a hastily made synopsis. We regret very much that we could not take down a report of each of the toasts, but, under the circumstances it was impossible. The first toast of the evening was

"STUDENT LIFE."

Reply by Prof. J. M. Bloss. The speech of Bro. Bloss was a happy effort, and was greeted with frequent applause.

After the next course was finished the Magister Epularum arose with the remark that "If the noise of grinding will cease they could listen to the toast of

"THE XXIII ANNUAL CONVENTION."

Reply by Rev. C. E. Locke.

The very mention of the toast was sufficient to bring out applause. The reply of Bro. Locke was one of the best speeches of the evening. He said that this was undoubtedly the most successful convention of the twenty-three. He did not attend the first one. He was holding a little convention of his own on his mother's knee at that time. (Laughter.) It was grand, he said, to see here such a large gathering in the interests of Delta Tau Delta, all co-laborers for the "beautiful and good." The good that the convention would do the fraternity, and the enthusiasm that it would send out among the different chapters was unmeasurable.

The next toast we are able to give in full was

"THE ALPHA CHAPTER."

Reply by Rev. C. B. Mitchell, of Kansas.

I feel free in responding to this toast, because I was a member of Alpha Chapter just long enough to become thoroughly acquainted with its members and their methods of work, and yet not long enough to be recognized as one of its component parts. Thus I am prepared to speak advisedly, and at the same time

disinterestedly, as far as being intimately connected with the chapter.

I wish to speak of the members of Alpha, (for when we say ALPHA, we mean the "boys" of Alpha,) as men, as students, and as DELTAS.

In the first place I wish to take this public opportunity of paying a just tribute to the sociability and hospitality of her members.

Bro. Ned Locke and myself went to Meadville at the beginning of the fall term of 1878. We went there almost perfect strangers. But we had been initiated into the Delta mysteries at the SIGMA, and hence went to the ALPHA as full fledged Delts of several years' standing. We wore Delta badges, and that was sufficient. We were at once met by Bros. McClurg and Chip Richmond, and were given such a hearty and Delta welcome that we felt at home at once, and all during our stay in college we can truly say we never had a home-sick or lonely hour. While our room was being fitted up for us at Culver Hall, for several days we enjoyed the hospitality of Bro. McClurg at his own home. You can imagine our feelings when I tell you that we were taken as perfect strangers and placed at once in pleasant rooms in one of the finest residences in the city, and made at home in one of the most pleasant and cultured of home circles. I speak of this simply to show the hospitality of ALPHA's sons. For not only at McClurg's home, but at Richmond's, Gill's, Mosier's, and at all the homes of resident Delts, were all Deltas welcome. Frequently was the whole chapter invited to spend an evening and enjoy most elegant refreshments at the beautiful and refined homes of these brethren. If I were called upon to mention one feature that characterizes the members of our ruling chapter, above all others, I would at once say, sociability. At college they bore the reputation of being selfish and "clanish," preferring each other's society to all others.' When you see two Delts on the street they are walking arm in arm and shoulder to shoulder. They room together, have a separate table at the boarding hall, make calls together, buggy ride, sleigh-ride, skate, picnic, go on excursions, together. In a word, each one is congenial to the other, and they are fulfilling to the letter the fraternity idea—they are truly a band of brothers.

The members of the ALPHA are not simply a class of men who are congenial and extremely social and moving in the best circles of Meadville society, but they are students. They have a lofty idea of their privileges and a correct standard of intellectual attainments, and seek to stand at the head in class and lecture room. They are not book-worm vegetarians, who think that by uncleanly habits and reducing physical enjoyment to the minimum, they will raise their mental standing to the maximum, but, having practical views of life, they are pursuing that course in college that will enable them when beginning life, to occupy that position that will make their influence felt. But I wish especially to speak of them as Deltas.

For one year I was a regular and constant attendant at all their chapter meetings. I found, that above all things else, they held their fraternity duties the most sacred. I say this advisedly, and do not intend to intimate that other duties were

neglected. But they realized that not only were their own local Delta interests at stake, but those of the entire fraternity. Hence their work was always conscientiously and well done. Matters of small or great importance were not acted upon or passed over hastily. THEY TOOK TIME and thoroughly discussed each question. Less time was paid to literary exercises than they desired, but it was owing to the great amount of business that came before them at each meeting. Many of the meetings last till midnight, and yet there are no murmurings, no dissatisfaction, no tendency to slight their work, no haste. I was surprised to note how well posted in general fraternity matters were even the youngest neophytes. Each new man at once passes through a course of instruction that enables him to vote intelligently when any question comes before the Chapter.

In conclusion I want to say, (and the waiters may quietly remove the course without fear of interrupting me,) that although we live in a world of change, and all things about us seem vacillating, I am glad that our love for our grand old Delta Tau remains steadfast and unchangeable. A student returns after many years to his alma mater and all whom he meets are strangers, save a few of the old professors for whom he never had any great regard; but when an old Delta returns to his chapter room, although all the faces he sees are new, yet he feels at once at home. The hands that are placed in his are brothers' hands, and he is at the same old hearth-stone of boyhood's days. These faces that seem new are but the faces of the younger members of the family that have grown up in our absence, and that is all. I shall always love to return to the ALPHA, for I know I shall always meet with a hearty welcome and feel at home. And I feel safe in adding that as long as you intrust your interests, as a fraternity, to the present Alpha you need have no fears but that your work will be well and cheerfully done.

After the next course was finished Bro. Hunt called upon the toast of

"THE CRESCENT."

Reply by Bro. C. E. Richmond, followed by

"OUR ABSENT BROTHERS."

Reply by H. A. Fitzsimmons, and

"EARLY DELTAS."

Reply by Dr. R. S. Sutton.

Bro. Sutton's was the best speech of the evening, and we saw tears sparkling in many eyes before he finished. He told about the trials and tribulations of the "early Delts" in the pioneer days of the fraternity. He spoke feelingly of those who are dead and of their labors for the "beautiful and good."

The next toast was the never forgotten,

"THE LADIES."

Reply by J. D. Watson:

My too Unselfish Brothers:—Your extreme kindness in so greatly honoring me by this call to respond to such an important

toast, has indeed placed me in rather an embarrassing situation. However, my inexperience in such a very delicate subject must be attributed more to bashfulness and lack of "sand" than to wilful ignorance or any fault of mine. I beg of you to accept my speech as its own apology. Surrounded here on every hand by those who have had unlimited experience in the art of saying "pretty things," (of course intended for the ears of ladies,) I find myself quite awkwardly placed when before such able critics, I am requested to deliver a "neat little speech" in response to "The Ladies." I cannot tell tales on myself like our good brothers, the worthy *toast master*, the learned orator or the jovial doctor there—nor would I be so bold as to even entertain the slightest hopes of ever being able to tell such tales "out of school." The choicest encomiums are always expected to be reserved for the honor of "the ladies"—would that I were able to do them but some degree of honor—for noble, Christian women have made us what we are. The world is far more a pleasant place in which to dwell for the presence of our revered and noble ladies. Pray overlook poor Mother Eve's unlucky move and think how since a woman washed our Savior's feet and wiped them with her hair. What grander deed than that? A woman found the stone from the sepulchre rolled away; a woman bore the joyous news that the Lord had risen again; and to-day, that blessed faith is kept pure, and as it ought to be, safe within the loyal hearts of women, where it is guarded by their faithful love for him who died for all. Women, the time proven safeguards of Christian nations and the teachers in the Church. A woman fought for France; a woman's pen has saved a pope; a woman's liberality gave help to a famished land; a woman's tender, watchful care preserved us when we were too helpless to aid ourselves; a woman's ready hand has guided our infant feet, and has taught us how to walk; a woman's eyes have filled with tears for our childish woes; and a gentle woman's heart is pained and bruised when ill fortune strikes us down. Oh! the safest, surest talisman is a noble woman's love! From a woman's lips we learned to lisp our infant prayers, and all through life we have been guided, guarded, watched by an anxious woman's love. Though her soul has gone from this life, yet her spirit oftentimes lingers near us to put our motives right when we would have gone astray, and that mysterious something has saved us from the wrong. Of such are our Delta ladies, our mothers, sisters, friends, our loved ones, or our wives—noble, kind and loving women, whom we honor and respect, and for whom we consider it a privilege and an honor to speak, at all times and in all places. Our Delta Queen wears a proud and happy smile to-night, for, to see men meet as brothers, and to see brothers even, meet in unison and love, is indeed a sight not often seen in this grasping, selfish world. Not only with ourselves should we live at peace, but with the world at large. Let us be considerate and friendly in our treatment of all other college fraternities, and especially let us, at all times, extend every act of comity and earnest encouragement to those fraternities which are composed of "college ladies." Delta Tau, without being at all in the "la-de-da" light, has always been and is now very highly respected for the many pleasing and gentlemanly qualities of her "Crescent

Knights." Every woman, rich or poor, in need of aid, is always helped by those who wear the "royal purple and the silver gray." Manners make the gentleman, and a kind, strong heart makes the character of any man who would become a "Crescent Knight." More—he must be a manly man, and one who can appreciate a lady, and especially a Delta lady. I would sooner lift my hat to a girl who recognized such principles by wearing our "dear old Delta badge," than to be in favor with the queen of a dominion. She who wears the Delta Tau Delta badge will never know what it is to be without loyal Delta friends. Am I not right, my brothers? Would not every one of you lay down your life in the defense of our badge, or of anyone who would love it well enough to wear it? And, who would not be even more willing yet to make that sacrifice in its defence, if that same badge were worn at the throat, or on the breast of some particular "Delta girl?" And, now on behalf of "The Ladies," my best wishes to you all. And, my beloved Delta brothers—my respected "Crescent Knights" of "dear old Delta Tau," may you, in the future, never be as "lonely as Lyra" in the heavens, for the love of some one of our many Delta ladies. And may the "silver sickle" in sky above, bespangled with our guiding Delta stars, never again become the "golden shield" which hangs upon the blue arched dome of heaven, if its reflected light is to shine upon chivalric Delta Tau indifferent to "The Ladies."

It is impossible for us to give all the funny stories that were told and the jokes that were cracked between the speeches, so we can but go on with the next regular toast:

"BETHANY, THE CRADLE OF OUR ORDER."

Reply by R. Y. Pendleton.

BRO. DELTAS:—Our Chapter is unfortunate, for although she has five orators and one wag she is represented on the present occasion by the youngest save one.

As Bro. Locke has told us in a grieved tone that there are but three ministers present, and urges us to get more, it is with the greatest pleasure therefore, that I announce for his benefit, that although Theta has but eleven men, yet one of them is a preacher, and if I had only known that he would have been such a curiosity, I would have boxed him up and brought him along.

We are solid Deltas every one of us, and we trust that, as we are only eleven, there is no room for an Iscariot.

I am sorry to have to disappoint the Convention, and would not do it if I could help it; but such is the decree of Fate, and although it grieves me to say it, yet I am forced to acknowledge that I have no sweetheart. But as this seems to be the popular voice, and as I do not wish to be behind in any good work which the fraters see fit to engage in, I will give my best endeavors to the afore mentioned and advise the rest of our chapter to "Go thou and do likewise;" I trust by the time we next assemble to be able to give a satisfactory report.

You have called Theta the "cradle of the order," and as rep-

representative of said cradle I would like to state in behalf of that antiquated machine, that she is proud of the children she rocked.

"THE EXTENSION COMMITTEE."

Reply by Wilbur Colvin.

Two years ago the twenty-first annual convention at Put-in-Bay, acting upon a suggestion made in the annual report of the G. S. A., took an action in the way of an experiment. The convention appointed five men as a committee whose special duty it should be to aid the Alpha in extending and enlarging our borders by establishing and fostering new chapters, and denominated it the "Extension Committee." The work of this committee during the year was sufficiently satisfactory to the Chicago convention that the committee was re-appointed and encouraged to continue doing good. And that it has not materially departed from the path of duty has been evidenced to-day by the action of the convention in not only continuing the committee, but in also giving it constitutional recognition, as a necessary component of the working machinery of the fraternity. And it is safe to predict that the acts of the executive council of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity will early be recognized, known and felt throughout the Greek world.

No wise, judicious person or body does anything without good and sufficient reasons. The twenty-third annual convention of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity is a wise and judicious body.

Therefore the Extension Committee, after two years' trial, has been found to have been an almost indispensable factor in our fraternity organization. But the fruit of its labors is an everlasting monument to the wisdom that first suggested the experiment rather than to any particular merit of the Committee itself. All it claims is that it has tried to do its duty; and had it had at all times wisdom, knowledge and ability, commensurate with its desire to lift aloft and carry forward the banner of the Crescent, its reports would be hailed with wild delight.

But one thing is now assured, we cannot henceforth do without this important body. Just see what it has done—now don't shyly glance back over your shoulders at what it has not done, just because that looks to be the biggest. The council hopes in the future to change the relations of things in this regard. But now just observe what it has to show for its hire—four as good, strong, enthusiastic, loyal chapters as any fraternity may proudly boast—and all represented, yes, ably represented around this festal board to-night. The Upsilon, the Psi, the Chi, the Omicron, speak

in far more eloquent terms of the faithfulness and diligence of this committee than any language at my command.

We must grow. Growth is one of the first laws of nature. Growth or decay, life or death are the only alternatives for every thing with which we are acquainted. Our beloved fraternity must either go forward or backward, extend its borders, or rot in lethargy; so that to this committee is really committed the keeping of the very life principles of grand, good old Delta Tau. And right gallantly may it discharge its trust. The field is broad, the labor is great, the responsibility is heavy; but the reward will be glorious, grand, eternal. As the committee works upon the field that it has marked out to us in its report to-day as the one ripe for its efforts, may the members ever bear in mind, and especially when battling with the innumerable difficulties, discouragements, and uncertainties that often accompany their work, that they are servants in a noble cause. That it is not only that the banner of Delta Tau Delta may be exalted that they labor, but that they are striving to disseminate those high and noble qualities of mind and heart that bind humanity together, that make society and even mortal life tolerable, in that they lift us nearer, and make us more like the great, good and perfect, even our supreme and model brother. And then let us all try to realize that an exercise of the principles sought to be cultivated and disseminated by Deltaism will make us better men, better citizens, better brothers, husbands, fathers, better as regards every social, civil and moral relation of life. Long may Tau Delta live, and grow, and grow, and grow until she out extends the Extension Committee itself.

"THE LEGAL PROFESSION."

Reply by L. L. Davis.

The profession of the law is a grand profession and its ranks ought to be filled with grand men. It is one in which little men ought to find no place; one that demands the best ability, the strictest honor and the utmost courtesy among its members.

In order to imbue any young man with these high qualifications I cannot conceive of a better institution than our noble order. The grand sentiment of Deltaism, "Labor for the beautiful and the good" is the obligation assumed by the Initiate as he crosses the portals of our order and in after years, in the battling scenes of life, it can be no other than a guiding star to success.

"Our Lawyers" is the toast to which I am to

respond. When I glance over this broad American domain to find the men, who lead in this experiment of the 19th century, self-government; when I scan the registered names of Deltas for men of note I must admit that their names are few; but when I recollect that we are young, that nations, individuals and fraternities do not become great in a day, I am astonished at the progress the Delta Tau Delta fraternity has made in so short a time. When I recollect that our oldest members have not reached that point, where the sun of intellect begins to decline into the rich harvest fields of mature years and the accumulated wisdom of old age I am surprised that so many have obtained national repute, and so many others fill such high positions in local affairs. So that to-night, as I look over this convention here in banquet assembled, and with the thousands of other Deltas in my mind's eye, whom you represent, I can picture in the not far-distant future "our lawyers," as great as the greatest in matters of state, as successful as the most successful in pleading at the bar and as able as the ablest jurist on the bench, our Marshalls and Choates, Websters and Sumners, and some as great and good as he who lingers between life and death while the public pulse beats in unison and sympathy with that noble heart. What shall hinder this picture from coming true? Do not the men selected by us become leaders in college? Are there better principles taught by other fraternities? I need not pause to answer these questions, for they will be answered in a few short years, when our lawyers have met and conquered the grand possibilities of life which are open to the energetic push of Delta manhood. *

Speeches were made by Bros. J. H. Geissinger, the poet, A. P. Trautwein, of THE CRESCENT's staff, "Yours fraternally," H. Goodnow, and Jas. Pierce, the founder of Rho. The large floral representation of the badge was presented to Dr. Sutton as he was the oldest Delt present, and his reply showed how deeply his heart was imbued in Deltaism.

A vote of thanks and congratulation was tendered to Mr. Crossan, the proprietor of the hotel, for his kind and successful entertaining of the convention.

We feel that we have failed to convey any idea of the banquet, but one might as well try to imitate the gorgeous tints of a brilliant sunset with a whitewash brush as to take a pen and describe a scene so glorious. The happy faces, the songs, that were sung, the fun that we had is indelibly stamped on our mind, but to transfer it to paper is

impossible. No adequate idea of a convention banquet can be had except by participation, and we invite every Delta to be present and enjoy the next at Cleveland.

THE THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

After the usual preliminaries, orders were drawn for the expenses of convention.

On motion Grand Chapter of second division was authorized to make all the necessary arrangements for the next convention.

On motion Rho was continued committee on fraternity colors.

On motion the new initiatory service was given into the hands of the Alpha and ordered to be printed.

The Extension Committee was elected with the following result: For the long term, H. T. Bruck, W. L. McClurg and Wilbur Colvin; for the short term, A. A. Fitzsimmons and F. R. Dalrymple.

On motion Alpha was instructed to use its own judgment in reference to the purchasing of new charters, seals, etc.

On motion the minutes of the second division conference were ordered to be printed as an appendix to the minutes of the national convention.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the officers of the convention for their services.

On motion THE CRESCENT was returned to Alpha for publication with the compliments of fraternity for the previous successful management.

On motion it was ordered that the surplus funds in the hands of the treasurer of THE CRESCENT be turned over into the general treasury.

The minutes were then read and approved and the convention adjourned.

HON. CHAS. TOWNSEND,

ATTEST:— Presiding Officer;

A. B. RIESER, Secretary.

The afternoon and evening was occupied by the delegates and visitors in looking at the city and visiting the various points of interest. The next morning the XXIII Convention with its jolly crowd was a thing of the past although for weeks afterwards lonely Deltas were found wandering about with that peculiar lost expression on their faces which showed that they were living in the past.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Wasn't it great?

Rho was there muchly!

Nearly every body was there.

Alpha was represented by about thirty men—Gamma by as many.

Hurrah! for ZETA BETA! Six out of its seven active members were there.

Considerable important business was transacted by the convention which we are not allowed to publish.

Kappa's delegate was at Saltsburg with the military and didn't come up. He deserves to be bounced!

ΦΚΨ at Chautauqua telegraphed a cordial reply to our greeting, but through some misdirection it wasn't received.

Dr. H. P. Hugus, a pioneer Delt, who was the hero of the Akron convention, was there. He has the oldest Delta pin in existence.

There were several convention fiends present. Bros. Wann and McClurg were the biggest having attended the conventions at Akron, Put-in-Bay, Chicago and Pittsburgh.

Things not to be doubted:—That Townsend is a royal good Delta.—That there were any quantity of Millers and Phillips'es there.—What Cy. Smith was doing.—That the Monongahela is a first class hotel.—That Rieser made a good secretary.—That Geissinger had some that had been imported three times.—That everybody felt "glad that they were livin'."—That Decker got "mashed" at the pic-nic and did not get back in time for the banquet.—That Davis was the right man in the right place.—That Goodman could stick a postage stamp on the ceiling without a derrick.—That Tau's delegation were all jolly good fellows.—That Bruck, McClurg and Trautwein are good workers as well as good fellows.—That Eta, being so near might have had more than one man there, and that Sigma might have had more than two.—That Marchand wore a white "dice."—That it was a jolly crowd of boys.—That the XXIII took the rag off the bush.

WHO WERE THERE.

The following is as near as we could come to a complete list of the delegates and visitors at Convention. Many others were deterred from coming by the newspaper reports of the small-pox, which epidemic was raging in the city at the time, and many were there whose names we did not get.

Hon. Chas. Townsend, Beta, Athens, O., Secretary State of Ohio.

Prof. J. M. Bloss, Phi, Indianapolis, Ind., Supt. Public Instruction,

Rev. Chas B. Mitchel, Alpha, Marion Centre, Kan.

Rev. C. E. Locke, Alpha, Mineral Ridge, O.

Capt. S. M. Decker, Alpha, Bradford, Pa.

Dr. H. P. Hugus, old Alpha, Ravena, O.

Rev. A. Kilpatrick, Nu, Valencia, Pa.

T. N. Reiter, Tau, Lancaster, Pa.

A. B. Reiser, Tau, Reading, Pa.

Hulbert Agnew, Gamma, Philadelphia, Pa.

A. L. Blair, Zeta Beta, Parker, Pa.

H. S. Phillips, Zeta Beta, Newcastle, Pa.

W. T. Goodnow, Pi, Toledo, O.

R. P. Linderman, Pi, Bethlehem, Pa.

J. E. Coulter, Iota, Lansing, Mich.

A. H. Lucas, Iota Beta, East Liverpool, O.

P. Y. Pendleton, Theta, Bethany, W. Va.

O. A. Kennedy, Xi, Indianola, Iowa.

E. I. Phillips, Zeta Beta, Newcastle, Pa.

E. C. Beach, Mu, Delaware, O.

W. A. Seibert, Nu, Easton, Pa.

H. T. Bruck, Phi, Hoboken, N. J.

D. A. Gill, Alpha, Meadville, Pa.

C. E. Richmond, Alpha, Meadville, Pa.

E. P. Cullum, Alpha, Meadville, Pa.

F. Mc. White, Alpha, Sewickley, Pa.

Chas. Krichbaum, Psi, Bolivar, O.

A. P. Trautwein, Rho, Hoboken, N. J.

A. B. Porter, Rho, Indianapolis, Ind.

J. E. Stewart, Rho, Trenton, N. J.

Wibur Colvin, Beta, Springfield, O.

C. S. Crawford, Chi, Brownsville, Pa.

Jack Watson, Alpha, Jacks Landing, Pa.

C. A. Smith, Phi, Vincennes, Ind.

Judd Wann, Alpha, Deerfield, O.

J. J. Collins, Psi, Bedford, Ky.

J. F. Marchand, Gamma, Irvin Station, Pa.

D. A. Miller, Gamma, Manor Station, Pa.

W. L. McClurg, Alpha, Chicago, Ill.

H. A. Fitzsimmons, Delta, Reading, Mich.

J. B. Ware, Iota, Grand Rapids, Mich.

S. L. Bossinger, Sigma, New Florence, Pa.

Frank Spearman, Upsilon, Sharon, Pa.

O. R. Snyder, Tau, Delmont, O.

A. Krichbaum, Psi, Bolivar, O.

E. M. Bowman, Psi, Irwin, Pa.

C. E. Brewster, Lambda, Galesburg, Ill.

H. W. Allen, Zeta Beta, Indianapolis, Ind.

M. E. Bourne, Eta, Conteras, O.

Chas. Phillips, Zeta Beta, New Castle, Pa.

G. P. Miller, Gamma, Washington, Pa.

Thos. Morgan, Gamma, Washington, Pa.

L. O. Phillips, Zeta Beta, New Castle, Pa.

V. M. Delamater, Alpha, Meadville, Pa.

J. H. Geissinger, Tau, Huntingdon, Pa.
 J. C. White, Alpha, Sewickley, Pa.
 R. S. Tate, Alpha, Sewickley, Pa.
 J. H. Moore, Gamma, Washington, Pa.
 J. W. Culbertson, Psi, Nankin, O.
 Will McFarland, Gamma, Washington, Pa.
 F. C. Straw, Sigma, Beaver, Pa.
 H. C. Ferguson, Gamma, Washington, Pa.
 C. A. Uehling, Rho, Sharpsville, Pa.
 J. V. Pierce, Rho, Sharpsville, Pa.
 W. B. Ewing, Gamma, Cannonsburg, Pa.
 W. A. White, Alpha, Sewickley, Pa.
 J. S. Beacon, Gamma, Blairsville, O.
 J. L. Locke, Alpha, Youngstown, O.
 J. N. Hunt, Alpha, St. Clairsville, O.
 A. A. Talarall, Chi, Cleveland, O.
 Frank Reitzel, Alpha, Warren, O.
 J. McC. Benny, Alpha, Allegheny, Pa.
 W. D. Logan, Gamma, Allegheny, Pa.
 G. C. Sheppard, Iota Beta, Allegheny, Pa.

RESIDENT MEMBERS.

Hon. J. C. Newmeyer,	Henry Meyer,
Dr. R. S. Sutton,	C. C. Powers,
Chas L. Powers,	W. W. Powers,
Jos. E. Duncan,	D. N. Fitzsimmons,
Dr. Jos. Stewart,	Dr. W. B. Mowry,
Chas Brown,	J. K. Venor,
Harry Brown,	S. F. Andrews,
J. M. Wallace,	T. G. Beyle,
J. M. Walker,	A. H. Moeser,
Jas Benny,	Maj. W. S. Foster,
L. L. Davis,	W. A. Leggett,
Chas E. Mills,	J. F. Cox,
J. N. White,	J. H. Miller,
W. A. Dunshee,	H. A. Moore,
J. F. Sweeney,	J. Blackmere,
I. F. Howard,	C. B. Hatch,
J. N. Hutchinson,	Stewart McKee,
A. H. Wilson,	J. O. Betty,
J. C. Ely,	W. A. Schmidt,
W. M. Watson,	H. W. Williams,
A. N. McMurdock,	J. S. Black,
J. J. T. Penney,	Joel S. Bigham,
E. M. Aikin,	W. F. McCook,
Moses Atwood,	Bernard F. Rafferty,
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T. T. Marshall,	Chas. Kellar,
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R. H. Negley,	W. N. Allen,
O. H. Ormsley,	J. M. S. Allison,
M. A. Preston,	J. M. Camp,
J. H. Phillips,	E. C. Godfrey,
Robt. Rodgers,	G. L. McBride,

Allan Uray,	Robt. Boyle,
W. A. Edie,	J. S. Robb,
Wm. C. Kerr,	Wm. Kent,
W. H. McGary,	Prof. R. S. Robb,
W. J. Smith,	H. O. Gibbons,
Jas. Fitzsimmons,	S. D. Ache,
J. N. McGunnigle,	J. H. Garrard,
	A. B. Force.

GREEK WORLD.

$X\Phi$ has founded an alumni chapter at New York City.

There is not much doubt but $\Phi K \Psi$ has a *sub rosa* chapter at Princeton.

The charter of the Z chapter of $\Phi K \Sigma$ at F. & M. College has been left in the hands of one man.

It is rumored that $B\Theta\Gamma$ has entered Westminster college, Pa. There are several strong locals there.

At the ΦBK anniversary at Brown University, the oration was delivered by Dorman B. Eaton, Harvard, '50.

An effort is being made to revive chapter Delta of the $\Phi K \Sigma$ at Washington and Jefferson college. For several years only one man has held the charter of above chapter.

The two sons of the late President Garfield were to have joined $\Delta\Theta$ at Williams, previous to their father's death. We do not know whether it was consummated or not.

The ΦBK anniversary at Dartmouth, included an oration by W. S. Senator, Charles Henry Bell, '44, and a poem by John B. O'Reilly, editor of the Boston *Pilot*.

The third quadriennial reunion of the chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Ct., occurred on June 28th, the literary exercises included an oration by Rev. D. R. Lowell, '73, and a poem by F. S. Thorpe.

President Arthur is a member of $\Psi\Gamma$ from Union. He is, we believe the first United States President who was ever a legitimate member of any fraternity. The late lamented President Garfield being a $\Delta\Gamma$ anti-fraternity. It is only the older fraternities that can afford such luxuries. $\Delta\Gamma\Delta$ is far too young, but let's bide our time. We know that we saw several embryo presidents at the Pittsburgh convention.

$X\Phi$ has not entered Gettysburg college, as reported. The editor of the Quarterly says they do not favor *sub rosa* chapters.

$\Psi\Gamma$ last year received a petition from parties at Wooster requesting a charter; for a while it was not known who the petitioners were, it is now rumored that they are members of a fraternity which a few years ago stood very high at Wooster, but which has lost ground considerably of late.

Members of $\Delta\Gamma$, anti-rat, from the chapters at Hudson, Marietta, Rochester, Harvard and Ann Arbor, about thirty in all, were present and took a place in the funeral procession of President Garfield. In the evening the visiting members were entertained at the residence of one of the Cleveland members.

About six weeks before commencement certain "Barbs" of the classes of '82, '83 and '84, at Wooster, got together and concluded to form a chapter of $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$; they sent for a charter, and without waiting for a reply gave themselves the name of Phi Gamma; it is now said that their petition has been refused. They were very light weight.

$\Delta B\Phi$ is a thing of the past. On the 24th of June all but one chapter resigned from that fraternity, namely, the Cornell chapter; and, as they claim, without any preconcerted action. The reasons that some members give are vague, so on that point there is nothing certain. Their chapter at the University of Pennsylvania, as soon as it was known that they were no longer members of the $\Delta B\Phi$ fraternity, it is said, were approached by the $B\theta\Pi$, but distinctly refused.

Four students who were suspended from Purdue University, Indiana, for not complying with a new regulation requiring all students to pledge themselves not to be members of "Greek letter" societies during their college course, have brought suit in the courts to test the authority of the faculties to make such a regulation.—*N. Y. Times*, Sept. 16.

The students are members of $\Sigma\chi$. We hope that they will succeed in the trial, for this is a question in which not only $\Sigma\chi$ but the entire Greek world is interested, and if we, or any other fraternity, can be of assistance to them in their contest against the common enemy, *i. e.*, hostile faculty, it should be rendered freely and willingly. Judges Croffroth, ($\Sigma\chi$), and Ward, ($\Phi\Delta\theta$), have voluntarily offered their services to the boys. Like the Dred Scott decision this will be a test case. Success! All success, Brother Greeks!

The Centennial Convention of $\Phi B K$ was held in Gerge Hall Boston July 30th. Justin Winsor was chosen to represent the Harvard Chapter at a General meeting to be held in New York for the establishment of a national council. The annual meeting of the Harvard Chapter was held in Bolyston Hall, at ten o'clock, President Choate in the chair. Among those present were Dr. O. W. Holmes, Rev. Phillips Brooks Geo. W. Curtis and T. W. Higginson. A committee of five, with Rev. E. E. Hale as chairman, was appointed on the question of forming a chapter in the University of Illinois. The following honorary members were elected:

Charles G. Leland, poet of the day, General H. L. Abbott, Martin Brimmer, E. W. Hooper, W. P. P. Longfellow, editor of the *American Architect*, T. D. Willett. The officers of the year are the following:— President, Joseph H. Choate, of New York; Vice President, Theodore Lyman, of Brookline; Corresponding Secretary Professor W. G. Hale of Cornell University. At twelve o'clock a procession was formed in front of Boylston Hall in the inverse order of age and, preceded by music, marched to Sanders' Theatre, where the oration was delivered by Wendell Phillips.

PHI KAPPA PSI REUNION.

About sixty $\Phi\Psi$ s were present at their last reunion at Lake Chautauqua, among whom was Judge Moore, of Virginia, one of their founders. The literary exercises consisted of a lecture by Dr. Willard, an honorary member of their chapter at Ohio University, Athen, O., entitled "Sunshine." The reunion was closed by a banquet at Lake wood, to which ladies were invited and what with dancing, eating and the moonlight ride on the lake, a good time is reported by all.

PHI GAMMA DELTA.

There were about sixty Phi Gamma's present at their last convention held at Chautauqua. The literary exercises were opened by remarks from their President, followed by a lecture from Professor Redpath the historian, on Alexander Hamilton. A poem was also read at the banquet by Mr. Eaton. Senator Lee of Franklin Pa., replied to the toast, "Education," and Rev. Yates, LL. D., of Allegheny, toasted "The Ladies." About sixteen chapters were represented. A part of the convention their departure were befogged on the lake four hours.

BETA THETA PI.

Their Forty-second Annual Convention assembled in the Appellate court room of the Grand

Pacific Hotel, Chicago, on Tuesday morning, Aug. 30; two hundred Betas were present. Permanent organization was formed with Hon. Alonzo P. Carpenter, of New Hampshire, in the Chair. The literary performance was held at Fairbank Hall and consisted of a lecture by Rev. John Bascom, President Wisconsin University, on "The Historic Sense." The poem was read by Hon. Wilbur F. Stone; music was rendered by the Lambda Quartette. At the business meeting next morning resolutions were adopted concerning President Garfield; charter at Trinity University, Texas, was withdrawn; bill for founding alumni chapters adopted. In the evening the banquet or "dorg" was held, at which the most important toast was "Our President," reply by Schulyler Colfax; a poem was also read, telling the history of the "dorg," and the spirit of "Wooglin" Beta's patron deity.

SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON.

Their last convention was held in the Senate chamber at Atlanta, Ga., June 30th and July 1st and 2d; R. H. Wildberger presided; about fifty were present. Capt. L. B. McBrayer delivered the address; a large amount of business was transacted among which were plans for extension. Resolutions were adopted concerning President Garfield. The Committee on Publication of *Record* reported in favor of paying the editor-in-chief a salary of \$15 per number; a plan was adopted forming the alumni into an organization which shall pay premiums on the death of any frater. The orators for the next convention are: Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, Hon. A. H. Cox, and the poets, Burgess Smith and J. H. Alexander. Ten dollars is given as a reward to every member who shall form a chapter. No banquet was held.

DELTA UPSILON CONVENTION.

The Delta Upsilon Fraternity began its forty-seventh annual convention at Providence, R. I., October 19th, Vice-President Patridge, of Amherst, in the chair. Delegates were present from Union, Madison, Cornell, Western Reserve, Marietta, Michigan, Rutgers, Rochester, New York, Amherst, Syracuse, Hamilton, Brown, Harvard and Middlebury chapters. Encouraging reports were received.

B Θ II has entered Union.

Φ K Ψ has entered Hobart.

Φ K Ψ has no regular color.

Φ Δ Θ Virginia Gamma, defunct.

The *Δ B Φ Quarterly* is the latest to come and go.

Δ Y will probably enter Dennison University—*The Shield*.

Sigma Delta is a new ladies' frat. at Franklin, Ind.—*The Sigma Chi*.

Pennsylvania Epsilon of *Φ K Ψ*, Gettysburg, will have a chapter badge.

Twenty-one *Δ Δ Ψ*'s hold alternate reunions at St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The bolting seniors at Lafayette adopted for a badge a silver bolt and nut.

Good news from Mennnesota! Louisiana Alpha Gamma! Where is that?—*A T Ω Palm*.

W. H. Letterman, M. D., one of the two founders of *Φ K Ψ*, died May 23, 1881.

The Annual Meeting of the high council of *A T Ω* took place at Senwall, Tenn., during August.

Δ Δ Φ has a graduate association at Albany, also one called the Western Michigan Graduate Association.

Σ X announces alumni chapters at Cincinnati, O.; and Lafayette, Ind.; also a new undergraduate chapter at Champaign, Ill.

The *Shield* of *Φ K Ψ* had, last year, one hundred and thirty-six subscribers out of an active membership of four hundred.

Comming events: *X Φ*'s convention at Baltimore, October 29th, and *Δ Y*'s convention at Brown University, October 20th.

Kappa Alpha Theta (ladies' fraternity), has established a chapter at Purdue University. It is running *sub rosa*.—*The Sigma Chi*.

The *Star and Crescent* speaks well of *Φ Γ Δ*'s chapter at Williams. It says that they are "men of admirable character and creditable scholarship."

B Θ II at University, of Kansas, gave a reception and supper to *Φ K Ψ*. One of the toasts was, "*The lion and the lamb shall lie down together.*" Which is the lion, and which the lamb?

Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg is said to be gazed upon with longing eyes by Delta Tau Delta.—*The Sigma Chi*.

Not so, friend Towbridge, we refused a petition for a chapter there a while ago.

We are glad to welcome the familiar face of *YAE Record* again. The August number is full and interesting. The only thing that we cannot heartily endorse is the chapter at K. M. I. taking in members who do not attend the Institute. However, we wish the *Record* the success it so much deserves.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges: *The YAE Record*, *The Sigma Chi*, *The ΦΚΨ Shield*, *The Beta Theta Pi*, *The Phi Gamma Delta* and *The Star and Crescent*, all of which look bright and fresh after their vacation. *The Beta Theta Pi* indulges in a handsomely illustrated front, and the *Shield* has changed its form and improved its appearance wonderfully.

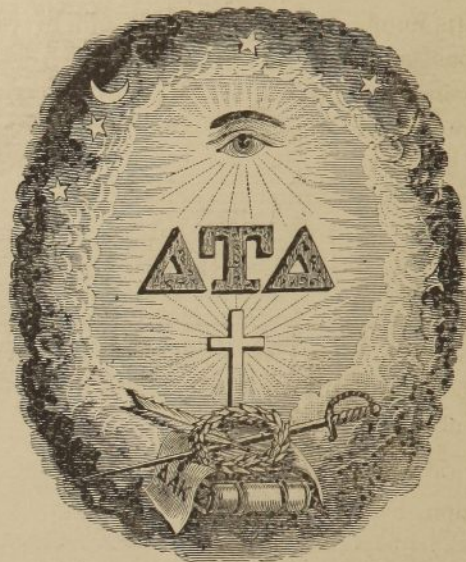
It is but just to say that the clipping from the *Phi Gamma Delta* relative to the chapter of *ΦΚΨ* at Delaware, O., published and illustrated in our last number, was written by a defeated candidate for a position won by a *ΦΨ*. The editorial pen of the *Phi Gamma Delta* might have been run through the paragraph very appropriately.

The last convention of *BΘΠ* reported that their paper not only cleared running expenses last year, but also canceled a very considerable indebtedness, while the last annual report of their Sigma chapter dated June 1, 1881, says that they "are sorry to see the Beta Theta Pi so poorly supported financially. It had well nigh ceased to breathe but for some kind financial aid and subscriptions received."

The Ohio Wesleyan correspondent for the Sigma Chi writes: "Owing to a new code of laws the faculty has made, during the past month, fraternities are placed in a bad position for taking in new men. No fraternity is permitted on penalty of extermination, to initiate any student who is not a fully ranked collegiate. Hence there has not been a student initiated by any of the seven fraternities in college, and fraternity spirit is very much on the decline."

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EIGHT members of the late Cincinnati conference were Delts.

WE cannot waste space trying to say pretty things in a salutatory.

CONVENTION is passed! Vacation is over! College begins, and THE CRESCENT is here!

REMEMBER that your CRESCENT subscriptions are due in advance and do not wait to be dunned.

THE Delta has started out in good shape. Bro. Walker, their corresponding secretary, promises to have a communication for us every issue. Good!

AS THE CRESCENT has a generous circulation among other fraternity men, the chapter correspondents should be more careful of their chapter letters than usual.

MOST of our alumni news together with editorials on the Song Book and Catalogue were crowded out of this number.

THIS number was delayed a month by various reasons more prominent among which was the delay in getting new type, but it is just as well for we intended to throw the June number over into July so that we can get out a commencement CRESCENT with banquet reports.

CRESCENT correspondents will please write only on one side of the paper. Your duties are few. They are to have your chapter represented by a communication *at least every two months*. Keep us posted on all Greek World news, and drum up subscribers for THE CRESCENT.

THE FACT that there was no wine at the convention banquet was remarked upon by some Pittsburgh people. Yes sir, there was no wine present and we are proud of it, for whatever may be the private notions of our members, we as a body, in whose teachings is embodied the noblest principles, cannot but condemn its use.

IT is our endeavor this year to make THE CRESCENT exceed itself. We are printing it on the best paper we can get. Will enlarge its regular number of pages to twenty and remove one page of advertisements. We also promise that during the year we will publish portraits and biographies of our best known fraters, not only those best known to the world, but those who are good fraternity men.

ALUMNI NEWS.

Bro. Maurice Pechin (Beta '65), is practicing law in Washington, D. C.

Bro. Henry Snyder (Rho '78), is engaged on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad extension.

Bro. John P. Finley (Iota '73), is connected with the U. S. Signal Service Bureau, Washington, D. C.

Bro. James B. Ladd (Rho '81), is with the Porter Allen Engine Co., Southwark foundry, Philadelphia, Pa.

Bro. Lawson W. La Fetra, '69, formerly of the Washington, D. C. *Chronicle*, is in business at Los Angeles, Cal.

Bro. Alexander Kilpatrick, who founded Nu chapter at Indiana University, is a Reformed Presbyterian minister at Valcenia, Pa.

Bro. Jno. M. Wallace (Rho '76), is road foreman of engineers, on the Baltimore & Potomac railroad and branches, with headquarters at Baltimore.

Bro. John S. Law (Theta '61), one of the founders, has been appointed to the charge of the Academical department of Bethany College.

Bro. Clarence W. Terwilliger (Kappa '81), was bow oar and captain for the famous Hillsdale four-oared crew, which now for the third and consecutive time won the prize in the Amateur Oarsmen's Regatta, at Washington, in September.

Bro. Homer D. Cope (Xi '75), filled, during the last season, over one hundred and fifty engagements in the most important cities of the country, reciting with great success, Banini's famous drama, "Damon and Pythias." He is now in Des Moines, Iowa, preparing for next season's work.

BOOK REVIEWS.

FIRST LESSONS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

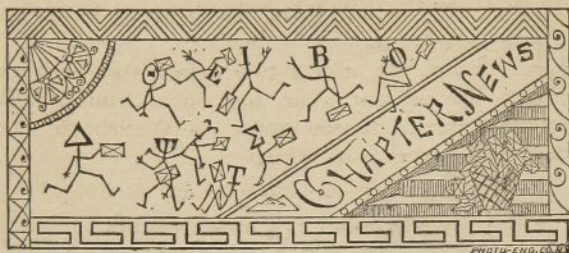
By Rev. D. H. Geissinger, A '71 pastor of the Church of Holy Trinity, New York City. The above is a neat little volume of Sunday-school lessons written in the easiest manner and placed in the most entertaining form. It is supplying a long felt want and is already considerably used.

FARM FESTIVALS.

By. Will Carleton, K '69. Author of Farm Ballads, Farm Legends, published by Harper & Bros. Carleton's latest addition to literature has been very cordially received by the world and critics generally. As a rhymers "Will" is greatly improved by practice. As a poet he always did possess the true sentiment that finds sympathy in the hearts of the people. Farm Festivals like his previous works is made up prominently of the tales of country life. It seems to breathe an air laden with the perfume of fresh cut harvest, of

"The Indian corn ears, prodigal of yield,
The golden pumpkin, nugget of the field;
The merriest eyed potatoes, nursed in gloom,
Just resurrected from their cradle tomb;
Rich apples, mellow cheeked, sufficient all,
To've tempted Eve to fall—to make them fall."

The book is handsomely bound; 'tis meeting with a ready sale. We commend it to all good Deltas.



ALPHA'S BANQUET.

OVER HALF A HUNDRED PRESENT.

The eighteenth annual banquet of the Alpha was held at the Commercial on the evening of June 22d. The banquet is always looked forward to by both actives and Alumni with pleasant anticipations of having a good time. It is an occasion which serves to arouse enthusiasm, and to bind the brothers closer in the bonds of love and fraternity. The Alumni renew the associations of long ago, and call up almost forgotten reminiscences of times past when they too were actively engaged in the fraternity. The actives receive wisdom and counsel from those who so nobly and successfully carried the royal banner of Delta Tau to victory. The Alpha banquets have always been noted for the enthusiasm and interest which have been manifested in them. The brothers took hold and determined to make the 18th the most successful ever held in the history of the chapter. Their hopes were realized; fifty-two Choctaws seated themselves around the elegantly prepared tables. After the inner man had been amply satisfied Bro. Decker as toast master made the address of welcome. He then called upon the valedictorian, Bro. Andrews, who delivered his well prepared address in an unusually felicitous manner. Bro. Watson as repplier spoke eloquently and well. The toast "Modoc Jim" was happily responded to by Bro. Reitzel of Warren, O. The "Future Position of the Fraternity" was ably delivered by Bro. Shilling, of Mercer, Pa. Bro. Parmelee of Warren, Pa., replied to the toast—"Reminiscences of old Deltas." To Bro. C. E. Locke was assigned the the toast—"The CRESCENT," and able was his rejoinder. Bro. Lewis Walker pleasantly replied to "Our Motto." Bro. Powers of Youngstown, O., spoke on "Our Alumni." Bros. Jameson, Doughty, Marcy, Bear, Sensor, Newlon, and other enthusiastic Choctaws were called upon and responded in words of love and attachment to

their chapter and fraternity, the close of the speeches. The brothers retired to the parlors where the celebrated Choctaw "walk around" was executed. At 2 a. m. the banquet broke up and the boys happy and joyous retired to their respective abodes, congratulating themselves that they were present at the 18th banquet. Thus closed the grandest and most successful banquet of the Alpha, and an evening long to be remembered by all present.

FIRST GRAND DIVISION.

THE TAU.

Again we have returned to our institution after our vacation. We have started to work with the determination that the Delta Tau Delta banner shall again stand at the head of the other fraternities at our college. By our last senior class we lost only two men, Brothers E. B. Reber and A. D. Elliot. Numerically we have not felt the loss, but we have fraternally; for they were both "good boys," and active workers for Tau. We held our annual banquet on Commencement night of June the 16th, at Power's City Hotel. We assembled at ten o'clock in the dining rooms, which were tastefully trimmed with flowers, evergreens and flags. The table was elaborately decorated with festal pieces, most conspicuous being the large cake presented by the proprietor to the chapter, which was decorated with fraternity emblems. The *menu* consisted of all the delicacies of the season, nothing being spared to make it an "immense" affair. After the boys did all they could for the inner man, the literary programme was then begun, which was as follows:

Address of Welcome — Symposiarchos, Bro. Reber.

Toast—Delta Tau Delta, Bro. J. A. Herold.

Music—Chapter Song.

Annual History—Bro. A. D. Elliot.

Music—Delta Tau Delta Song.

Toast—"Our Alumni," Bro. W. A. Miller.

Music—"Banquet Song."

Toast—"The First Division," Bro. T. N. Reiter.

Music—Song, "The Last Cigar."

Toast—"Coming Convention," Bro. A. B. Reiser.

Music—"Our Delta Queen."

Toast—"Our Graduating Brothers," Bro. N. C. Heisler.

Toast—"Our Annual Banquets and Their Benefits," Bro. F. S. Elliot.

Music—Song.

Toast—"The Ladies," Bro. R. P. Cobb.

Music—Song, "Auld Lang Syne."

Solo—"The Lord that Rules the Water," Bro. F. C. Cook.

Our alumni turned out well, nearly all were present, and among them Rev. D. H. Geissinger. Between the *menu* and the literary programme it was no wonder we did not adjourn until 2:30 a. m.

Since Tau has been appointed as a committee to edit the Song Book, she has started the work; and is now ready to solicit songs from all the chapters.

Bro. Field Kennard has again returned to college, after being on the sick list for several months.

Bro. A. D. Elliot, '81, is now with us. In a few days he will start for Harvard where he proposes to enter the senior class. Success Brutus!

Bro. W. J. Bausman, who was attending the Boston Conservatory of Music during the past year, is now at his home in Lancaster. He expects to resume his studies at that institution in January.

Bro. N. C. Heisler, class of '83, has been elected as one of the editors of the *College Student*, for the ensuing year.

Bro. Ed. McCaskey, '83, has passed the competitive examination for the appointment to West Point. He expects to apply for the entrance examination in June '82. Ed will make a good representative of the purple and grey.

Bro. T. N. Reiter, our delegate to the convention, gives a glowing account of it; and also of the smoky city.

NU NEWS.

Nu began the present college year with twelve members. Four, Bros. Barden, Brandenburg, Strouse and Woodring, have left us in body, though surely not in spirit.

Bro. Barden, '84, by reason of the ill health of his father assists him in his business. There is a probability, however, of his return to college.

Bro. Brandenburg, '83, enters the medical department of Michigan University. We commend him to Chapter Delta.

Bro. Strouse, '83 has taken to the study of law at his home in Pottsville, Pa.

Bro. Woodring, '84, has entered the law office of Bro. Geiser, T, '75, where he will pursue his

studies. We expect Bro. Woodring to loom up in politics ere long.

Bro. Niles, '84, after a two weeks stay with us during the present year, has on account of ill health returned to his home in Wellsboro, Pa. Bro. Niles expects to return.

Fraternity affairs at Lafayette are rushing.

Lafayette has about 115 new students.

Bros. Walter and Seibert cannot speak too highly of the late convention at Pittsburgh. The interest manifested and enthusiasm developed must have been of no ordinary character. They are exceedingly pleased with the brothers whom they met there.

We desire to introduce to the fraternity our new man, Bro. John E. Fox, '85, of Hummelstown, Pa. Bro. Fox will, without doubt make a Delta, firm and true. He has just been chosen Historian of his class.

Nu has made a change for the better. Our chapter hall has been moved. We are now situated in a location, the most desirable in Easton. The hall has been refurnished throughout and we have now fraternity rooms excelled by no fraternity at Lafayette.

Nu held her annual banquet at the Sun Hotel, Bethlehem, Pa., on the evening of the 27th of June last. Notwithstanding the drenching rain through which we were compelled to pass on the way to the depot, our ardor and enthusiasm was by no means quenched. We had the exceedingly great pleasure of having with us, as visitors, Bros. Geiser, T, '75, Bro. Hartzell, T, '75, and Bros. Reber, Coblentz and Heisler now of Tau. To speak of the untold wit and wisdom, which flowed fourth in unceasing torrents from the lips of the assembled brothers, would be rendering our chapter notes so long as to make necessary a supplementary edition of the CRESCENT. It is sufficient to say that the doors of memory's storehouse were thrown open wide and the boys gave free vent to their pent up spirits in such expressions of exuberant joy as were well calculated to infuse even additional life and enthusiasm in one hitherto filled to overflowing. We reached home early the next morning, unanimously voting it to have been a banquet and season of enjoyment not easily excelled.

All chapters corresponding with Nu, except Alpha and Tau, will please direct to "A. B. Camp, 77 Blair Hall, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa." Bro. Camp has charge of that department of correspondence.

Fraternally,

O. SERFASS.

SECOND GRAND DIVISION.

THE THETA.

BETHANY, W. Va., Oct. 11., 1881.

Dear Crescent:—To write a letter from our chapter, when we have just organized, may seem at least for Theta, a novel proceeding. It is, however, our intention to let our sister chapters know that if we have been remiss in the past, we are determined to see no more slurs cast upon our chapter's vitality, and with that purpose in view, nothing can better show the sincerity of our sentiments than a good beginning. Nor are we entirely without good news to communicate. It has been reported to us that at the General Convention the suggestion was offered that we look after adding more ministers to our roll. So it is with no little feeling of pride that we announce the name of Bro. W. S. Payne, as our first new member. An association with him, as a "non-frat," of one year, has proved him to be worthy to bear the name of Delta.

Theta sends greeting to all, and would be pleased to open business communications with her superior chapters.

Fraternally yours,
J. L. ATKINS.

ETA ECHOES.

Eta starts with eleven men, viz: Bourne, Her-
rick, Motz and Stell of '82, Smith and Hyre of
'84; Twiggs Bros. and Bock of '85, and Canfield
and Rothrock of '86. Also Bro. P. R. Miller, A
'81 is with us, he is taking a post graduate course.
Bro. J. C. Thompson, H '81 is at Urbanna with
his brother, who is surveyor of Champaign Co.
Bro. Simmons has a position in the Akron Rubber
Works. Bro. F. W. Garber is superintendent
of the Water Cure of Dansville, N. Y.

Eta has not initiated anyone so far, but will introduce one at least by the next issue. There is plenty of material to work upon and if we can't have the best we will not take any. Our opponents are apparently working for number since they are rushing almost everything in school. Bro. Hyre was taken sick September 21st, with typhoid malarial fever and has been confined to his bed ever since. The rivalry between the frats. and societies is stronger than I ever have known it to be before.

Fraternally, M. E. B.

THE SIGMA.

MT. UNION, O., Sept. 19th, 1881.

Dear Crescent:—Sigma sends in her congratulations to you at the opening of this, another college year. At our first meeting held this term nineteen active Deltas registered on Sigma's roll. Of this number ten are members of the senior class, and next summer will graduate and swell the list of our numerous alumni.

On Tuesday evening, July 19th, 1881, a band of 33 Deltas might have been seen in the parlors of a New Franklin hotel. It was here that the annual banquet of Chapter Sigma was held. It had been the original intention of the boys to make the Chase House of Alliance the scene of rejoicing. But prevented from this by the vigilance of an "hostile faculty," we procured teams and after a pleasant drive of about seven miles, arrived at the village of New Franklin. Everything was in readiness for us here and after a few introductory remarks by some of the members, we adjourned to the dining room and there did full justice to the viands set before us. A few moments after supper spent in singing college songs, etc., gave good zest to the evening's entertainment. Speeches were then made by Bros. Culbertson of Psi, A. J. Woolf, Σ, '76, M. G. Norton, '78, and S. D. Brosius, '79. Then followed remarks by various members of our chapter, interspersed with fraternity songs. After a good talk and visit all around, we left for Mt. Union full of enthusiasm in the good work, and resolved to do all we could to aid Deltaism in her upward and onward progress.

Fraternity spirit runs high at the Mount this term and we promise you some good work during the year.

F.

THE MU.

DELAWARE, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1881.

"Dinna ye hear the Slogan?,"

The voice of the student is again heard in the land as he climbs up the hill of science. The professors are on the war-path, and the only way for the student to save his scalp is to ride his "pony" in secret places. The fraternity man, dressed in his war-paint, utters his war-whoop at midnight, and the uninitiated hearing it, start from their slumbers in alarm; and his enemy hearing it trembles and lays his hand upon his tomahawk. The council fires of different fraternity chapters have been lighted; scouts have been sent out, and General Devilment is on the march.

The O. W. U. has her share of different fraternity chapters, and as a general thing, they are a source of commotion among the students at the beginning of terms of school; but so far this year there has been a stillness at this place, in fraternity matters, which is quite painful to old veterans. This stillness may arise because of wisdom or because the new students are not worth a contest. The future will tell.

Most of the chapters here are in a healthy condition and have a sovereign contempt for each other, which it is beautiful to behold, as they try to drown it in smiles and shake it to death with their hands.

Since last year several new laws, which pertain to fraternity matters in the O. W. U. have been evolved from the fertile brains of our faculty. One in regard to ladies' fraternities is, "secret societies among young women are in no case allowed." In consequence of which law Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta at the Seminary, after a short flicker, have gone out. Another law is, "No preparatory student will be permitted to join or in any way connect himself with a fraternity." It is pretty hard on the prep to deny him the high privilege of solving the mysteries locked in the breast of the fraternity man, but the decree has gone forth, and the prep must bide his time.

The Phi Kaps have had an addition to their number by two men from Wittenberg College; but no chapter has initiated any new men, so far, nor has there been any "rushing" done.

Three of Mu's last year's men will be out of college this year, Bros. Swartz and Vaughan will teach school near Dayton. Bro. Turrill is at his home in Cincinnati. Two Deltas who were out of college last year are with us this year. We begin the term with twelve active men.

At the begining of this term Mu starts with a degree of strength and energy that is an earnest of success. She sends greeting to every loyal Delta and joins heart and mind with every chapter to disseminate the principles of our glorious constitution.

E. C. B.

THE GAMMA.

WASHINGTON, PA., Sept. 19th, 1881.

Dean Crescent:—Another College year begun. Another year to "labor for the beautiful and the good." So let us make a good beginning and be mindful of our duty, and do it, and by the time this college year draws to a close we will be truer Deltas.

At the close of our last college year Gamma celebrated the twentieth anniversary in her usual manner by a banquet, the night before commencement. There might have been seen seated in the spacious dining hall of the Auld House around a table laden with all the delicacies of the season could afford, thirty true, royal Deltas. They were there from the beardless youth to the gray haired man. *All met to be boys again* and talk over days of yore, when *Δ T Δ* was sailing through dark seas, not knowing where the wind and waves might land them, but brothers, they were noble sailors and *Δ T Δ* still lives, with us on this occasion, along with all our resident alumni and active members were Bros. Rev. R. S. Fulton and Rev. J. T. Black of 2d Alpha, '66. Bro. Rev. J. F. Gibson of 2d Alpha, '67, and Bro. J. E. Scott of Mu.

After all had partaken of the bountiful table of our host, the inner man being strengthened, the following toasts were proposed by Bro. H. C. Ferguson, toast master for the occasion.

"Gamma Welcomes you," by J. F. Taylor, *Γ* '76.

"Our absent Brothers," by W. D. Hamaker, *Γ*, '80.

"When we were Boys," by Rev. R. S. Fulton, *A*, '66.

"Our Delta Ladies," by Geo. P. Miller, *Γ*, '78.

"Second Alpha," by Rev. J. F. Black, 2d *A*, '66.

"Our Preachers," by Rev. J. T. Gibson, 2d *A*, '67.

"Chapter Mu," by J. E. Scott, Mu.

"The XXIII Convention," by D. A. Miller, *Γ*, '82.

"The Gamma Register," by J. F. Marchand.

"Our Lawyers," by John Aiken, *Γ*, '68.

"Our Hall," by M. H. Stevenson, *Γ*, '83.

"THE CRESCENT," by G. S. Hays, *Γ*, '82.

With the close of this term, came the labor of sending out the invitations, and one can only judge of the amount of work it takes when once gone through with. We only hope they added to the success of the Twenty-third Convention, our labor was cheerfully done and to the best of our ability. Next comes the convention with its pleasures and disappointments, but dear brothers, upon this occasion we were most agreeably disappointed; we in our wildest dreams of a success never once thought of so grand a gathering in the smoky city.

The convention is over and the visiting brothers are the best judges of its being a success. For our part we feel it might have been better but we also think and are satisfied that it was

the best and largest convention the $\Delta T \Delta$ Fraternity ever held, and we do hope the twenty-fourth will be a grander success than the twenty-third.

There we met and made friends that will never be forgotten, it is like meeting with a spring of fresh water in a barren desert to call back to memory the pleasant incidents of the Twenty-third Convention of the Deltas. We hope some time in the near future to welcome back to the smoky city the "laborers for the beautiful and good."

With the class of '81 two loyal Deltas, Bros. Braden and Ewing bid farewell to college walls leaving behind them their good will and memories that will be lasting. Our ever wish is that they may find life's rugged road smooth and never need to look back regretting the way they have trod this uneven pathway, may it be strewn with flowers of richest hue. We feel that they never will relinquish the love they now cherish for our good old Delta Tau Delta.

Bros. Marchand, Thrasher and W. N. Taylor spent a pleasant day on July 23 with Bro. C. B. Reid of Steubenville, O., and reported a grand time during their short stay.

Bro. Agnew of '83 is not with us this year, he thought he would like to finish his course at Princeton and thence he betook himself and now fills a senior's seat at the above college. We cannot but remember "Philip," with many pleasant recollections of by-gone days.

We began the present year with thirteen actives and now our numbers have been swollen to fifteen. We have now the pleasure of introducing to you Bros. A. D. Miller, '83, and Geo. McKelroy, '85.

We have several other men in view, but whether we will take them is yet to be developed. We have plenty of students this year, but having a large, active membership we are not over anxious to increase our numbers.

We are somewhat differently situated from most other chapters; we have seven other fraternities here and it is generally the first party that gets hold of a man that gets him, so you can understand how we are situated, we must take a man for what he appears to be, and have not time to wait until he develops himself, however we must run the risk, but we have been very fortunate, never yet have we got hold of the wrong man.

At last Gamma has been successful in obtaining what she has long wished for a hall wherein to hold their meetings. We have secured a room on the third floor of a new and handsome

building on Main street, in the central part of town, the room is 20x30 feet, and by the next issue of the CRESCENT we hope to give an account of its dedication and it being entrusted with the sacred secret of the Delta Tau Delta.

Fraternally,
D. A. M.

THIRD GRAND DIVISION.

THE PHI.

HANOVER COLLEGE, Sept. 12, 1881.

Dear Crescent:—College opened this year on last Wednesday, with flourishing prospects. We have a slight increase in numbers of students over last year.

Chapter Phi opens up with nine fine fellows, all hale and hearty and ready for another year's work in the cause of our good old $\Delta T \Delta$.

We expect to do a good work this term and have some field to try our luck.

Phi takes great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large our new brother, S. H. Fletcher, who gives fair promise of making a good member.

I would like for all the chapters of this division to report to headquarters as soon as possible.

Fraternally,
C. P. SMITH.

EPSILON ALBION.

When we came together one year ago this fall term, in our old hall for the purpose of considering the matter whether we would live or die, (an account of which was given in THE CRESCENT by our ex-secretary), our hearts were sad and ready to give up; but thank God, our brothers whose very beings are animated with the spirit of Deltaism, although few in number, resolved that Epsilon *should not die*, and being incited by our history of the past, by the culture we receive from our grand old chapter; by the love of Deltaism itself, joined heart and hand to push the work of Deltaism. From that time forward success crowned our efforts. We were soon settled in our new hall, which is very pleasant and cosy. In the west end of the hall, over the windows, are three Greek letters, $\Delta T \Delta$, and in the east end over the shrine of the presiding officer, is a group of stars, beneath this is the Crescent and name of our chapter, which looks very home-like indeed. Before the year closed we were sixteen strong and

closed our duties with a grand old symposium.

This fall we open our chapter with ten members and are beginning to skim the college, for we want nothing but the cream.

Now that we may ever be animated by the spirit of Deltaism and be impelled onward to higher and nobler incentives in life, let me entreat every brother of *E* who has not sent in his name for a copy of *THE CRESCENT* to do so at once.

CHAPTER DELTA.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 17, 1881.

Dear Crescent:—Owing to the absence from college of four of our members, Fitzsimmons, '82; Meeker, '84; Wansley, '84, and Thomson, '84; all of whom were expected to return, the Delta chapter as compared with last year, is not strong in numbers. At present we have but eleven active members, but expect before this appears in print to be increased by two or three. To some this may not seem a large chapter, but of the twelve fraternities at the University of Michigan there will be five or six whose membership is not as great as ours.

We have a large number in the professional schools this year. Among them Breck, Palmer and Hough from Iota, (the latter of whom enters '84 of the literary department), De Camp, Marsh, Encke and Swartout from Epsilon and Watson from Alpha. Besides these Slaughter from Phi, and Ricketts from Sigma, who were here last year, have returned.

All things considered, Delta has made a good start for the year. W.

FOURTH GRAND DIVISION.

THE LAMBDA.

GALESBURG, Ill., Sept. 19, 1881.

Ed. Crescent:—Fortune smiled upon us again this year and we went to Pittsburgh. We had expected a grand meeting of the brothers of Delta Tau, and our expectations were more than realized. It was an occasion, the memory of which, can be treasured up with pleasure. Such conventions can but build up and strengthen our beloved fraternity all over the land. We were at Chicago, we have been to Pittsburgh; we want no better pleasure than to meet the brothers, from east and west, from north and south, next year at Cleveland.

Our school has opened with a large increase in the number of students. This is a cause of congratulation to Lambda, for the more students the more material we have to select from. Already we have some men in view, who will, no doubt, make sons worthy of our noble order and by the time of your next issue we expect to report the names of several new believers in the purple and grey. We have eight men back, and consider ourselves in good condition to meet the attacks of our only enemy, the Phi's. Let 'em come on.

Bro. Bower is with us, but will graduate this year.

Bro. J. W. Canney, '83, who has been in the engineer's office, of the C. B. & Q. railroad at Chicago, is with us once more.

Bro. Hamilton Catlin, '84, has left the irksome business of sheep raising in Kansas, and resumed his studies in the University. We give thee hearty welcome, Hammie.

Bro. W. A. Parker, '80, now occupies the position of assistant engineer of the Peoria & Farmington railroad. We are glad to note Will's success, for we know he is worthy of it.

Bro. Eugene E. Bronsun, '74, is a physician in Ganges, Mich. He enjoys a large and lucrative practice and has a good reputation as an M. D.

Bro. Douglas Myers, '79, tills the soil near Vama, Ill., and is making money and enjoying life thereby.

Bro. Jon. Grubb, '79, is book-keeper and general business superintendent of the business of a large woolen mill near Barry, Ill. Jon. is doing well, something his many friends will be glad to hear.

Bro. A. M. Brown, '70, has a good law practice in this city.

Another brother gone. Samuel Kerr, of Chicago and Miss Mary E. Dunton, both of the class of '69, were married at the bride's home in Belvidere, Ill., July 26, 1881. We offer our congratulations.

With best wishes of Lambda for the continued success of *THE CRESCENT* this year, we are fraternally,
C. E. BREWSTER.

THE XI.

INDIANOLA, IOWA, Oct. 12th, 1881.

Dear Crescent:—We are a score less six. Our college opened with a very much increased attendance and more prosperous than at any time previous in our career. Eleven of our members, hale and hearty, greeted each other around the mystic circle and soon were busy planning for

Delta's welfare. Last week we initiated into the brotherhood Messrs. Densman, Proudfoot and Harrison. Brother Denman comes from our state capitol and is in the Latin courses. Brother Proudfoot comes from Liberty, and is an honest granger whom we all like to shake by the horny hand. Brother Harrison is from Red Oak, is in the scientific course. He excels in chemistry and is a favorite with the boys.

The Phi Kappas are driving business vigorously and have already taken to their busoms *quantos ad absurdum*.

Brother Samson plies the quill in the local interest of our college paper. Brother See is our military man. He has a most commanding mein.

Brother Kennedy has been quite ill since his return from convention. He was able to be with us Saturday night and give us covenion news and anecdotes. Brother Collins is in the Indian Territory; he is in the stock and papoose business. We long for his speedy return. Brother Wilder, '81 is pedagoguing. Brother Powell was elected yesterday by the citizens of this county, to the State Legislature. Xi extends him her wishes for his success. Brother Taylor edits the *Advocate*, the ablest paper in this county. Jewet is farming in the suburbs of our city. He has a great genial heart open to all Deltas. Bare, now at Shahjah-anpna, India, is doing all he can for Delta. He has a new son. Taylor, during the dog days, took to himself a wife. J. S. Smith has gone to the State University, where he will be a strong accession to the chapter there.

We have appointed a committee to look up our brother Alumni, and to collect the material for a history of our chapter from its rise to the present time.

Wishing the CRESCENT all prosperity, I remain
Fraternally, N. B. ASHLEY.

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